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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY METERS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) are providing financial assistance to four State Electricity Boards and Distribution Companies of Andhra Pradesh for procurement of Energy Meters;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the total amount being financed to each power utility company;

(c) whether there have been complaints that Boards located at Vijayawada, Warangal and Tirupati have not followed prescribed tender norms and awarded the contracts to firms with no manufacturing background and without testing their energy meters at Government Laboratories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken by REC and PFC against the above Boards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) provides loan assistance to the State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/State Power Utilities for procurement and installation of energy meters. REC has since 1999-2000 sanctioned Rs.479.83 crores as loan assistance to Andhra Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation (APTRANSCO). Of these, APTRANSCO has drawn Rs.274.49 crores upto 31.3.2002. REC has not provided any financial assistance to the Distribution Companies (Discoms).

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) is providing financial assistance to four distribution companies in Andhra Pradesh for procurement of energy meters. The details of the amount sanctioned by PFC to the four distribution companies is as under :-

Sl.No.	Utility	Date of Sanction	Sanction Amount (Rs. Crores)	Status
1.	Eastern Power Distribution Co. of A.P. Ltd. (APEPDCL)	22.10.2002	75.30	Documents are yet to be executed
2.	Northern Power Distribution Co. of A.P. Ltd. (APNPDCL)	28.11.2002	79.90	-do -
3.	Southern Power Distribution Co. of A.P. Ltd. (APSPDCL)	04.02.2003	108.60	- do -

4. Central Power Distribution Co. of A.P. Ltd. (APCPDCL)	04.02.2003	157.70	- do -

(c) & (d) : Meters are procured by the State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/State Power Utilities themselves in accordance with their prescribed procedures. These include inter alia quality specifications, performance guarantees, testing and inspection procedures as per standard laid down. REC and PFC are not aware of any complaint regarding tendering and contracts awarded by the project executive agency(s).